

USACE FINANCE CENTER  
BIWEEKLY REPORT  
PERIOD ENDING 18 FEBRUARY 2000

**CEFMS:**

a. We completed two new reconciliation reports for customer orders. One report reconciles total cost to total amounts billed. The other report reconciles total cost to advance accounts earned amount. We have not yet released the code to the field, because we have a new field that must be populated in order to balance converted revolving fund customer orders. We are updating the new database field and running the reports on all databases to determine the amount and number of adjustments required. We will continue to examine variances and prepare scripts for correction. Corrections are required based on incorrect updates in past years and some corrections are related to invalid COEMIS data at the time of conversion. We plan to release the code to production the week of 21-25 February.

b. We released the "Customer Order Detailed Cost" report. This is a new report that provides detailed cost information that matches the total billed amount on Customer Order billings. The report provides the information in the detail and format that FEMA has said they required in order to pay their bills quicker. FOAs previously had to assemble this information manually and put it together on a spreadsheet, which also slowed the bill paying process. This new report can be generated for any Customer Order bill, not just FEMA.

c. We have received numerous complaints from users that the "Reorganization Remacs" were taking from 15 to 21 hours to complete. We altered the process so that unnecessary records were no longer being "remac'd" (problem report 0032WFM07). The first site to complete a reorganization after the change said their "remac" steps took a matter of minutes versus hours.

d. Other CEFMS Issues:

(1) We released the code to correct the penny rounding problems in the EXPEND AND DISBURSE module.

(2) We tested and released parts of the OBLIAPPR and ESIG REDESIGN functionality in preparation for the conversion to GUI.

(3) We are continuing research and update of GUI "Online Manual" (HTML) Help Screens - to be used for "on-the-spot" training. We are continuing the effort to deploy the GUI version

of the Problem Reporting System.

(4) We completed a new screen for credit card holders so they can accrue all unliquidated obligations simultaneously instead of having to accrue each obligation individually. This should save users time at month end and especially at fiscal year end.

(5) Completed and released an option on the credit card invoice screen to enable users to de-obligate "dangling" balances on their obligations by marking the payment/obligation as "F" (final).

#### PROBLEM REPORTS/IMBALANCES:

a. The open problem report inventory is 775 versus 803 on the last report. The inventory includes 77 Priority #1 problem reports. The open inventory also includes 3 problem reports related to the CEFMS Modernization/GUI work management effort.

b. Forty-nine (49) of the sixty-two active databases have no imbalances, three (3) have one, one (1) has two, five (5) have three, two (2) have four, one (1) has six, and one (1) has seven, the highest number of imbalances. The grand total of database imbalances across the system is 41 versus 26 on the last report.

#### ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS:

#### CONSOLIDATION OF OPERATING FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING FUNCTIONS:

#### UPCOMING CONSOLIDATIONS:

#### -----CURRENT SCHEDULE COMPLETE-----

#### NUMBER AND LOCATION OF ON BOARD PERSONNEL:

LOCATION:	NUMBER:
Huntsville	26
Millington	291
Washington	1
Other	1
DA Interns (Millington)	2
Total	321

#### DISBURSING WORKLOAD DATA:

PAYMENTS	As of 01/31/00	Current Month	Year To Date
BY CHECK:			

Checks Issued	103,426	16,869	120,295
Percent of Total	53%	51%	53%
Dollar Amount	\$1,199,013,710	\$168,925,445	\$1,367,939,155

BY EFT:

Transfers Made	91,519	15,977	107,496
Percent of Total	47%	49%	47%
Dollar Amount	\$1,725,389,498	\$272,905,672	\$1,998,295,170

OTHER UFC ISSUES:

a. We have issued the UFC CEAP/AIS support cost bills for the first quarter of FY00 totaling about \$483K. On an absolute basis, the total amount billed was about 5% higher than for the same period in FY99. However, this slight increase is even less significant, given the fact that a number of additional sites, sixteen, were consolidated during FY99.

b. A new employee orientation was held on 16 February attended by 34 employees. This should be the last large group to attend this orientation, since the Finance Center is now near its fully staffed condition.

c. We issued local guidance on the Travel and Transportation Reform Act of 1998. Our guidance reiterated the mandatory use of the government credit card (with certain exemptions) and informed employees of their entitlement to late payment fees.

d. We received the first FY00 monthly GSA rent bill from CERM-B. After analyzing the bill, we expect to make payment to GSA during the week of 21-25 February.

e. We hosted an orientation visit to the USACE Finance Center in Millington and the CEFMS Team in Huntsville for Colonel David E. Lape, ADCSRM, on 17018 February 2000.